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Meeks challenges recount process

Primary candidate for Benton Twp. clerk feels cheated, calls for investigation

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The outcome of the Benton Township clerk's race is being questioned by Barbara Meeks, who challenged long-time Clerk Carolyn Phillips in the August primary for the Democratic nomination.

Official results show Meeks losing to Phillips by 155 votes (787-632).

But Meeks told media representatives Wednesday morning that she received more in-person votes at the polls, and it was only after the absentee ballots were counted that she lost.

In addition, she said that during a recount on Aug. 28, five of the nine ballot boxes couldn't be opened and recounted because the seal and serial numbers on the boxes didn't match the number recorded in the poll book. The five uncountable boxes included all three absentee boxes, she said.

Meeks said she doesn't understand how they can say Phillips won the election if more than half of the ballots can't be recounted.

"I just want my due process. If I won the election, give it to me," she said. "... The day of the election I won. But behind closed doors, I lost."

Meeks said she tallied the most votes from three of the four ballot boxes that were recounted. And if those were the only ballots included in the count, then she won the election.

But Meeks said she was told that the votes in the five unopened boxes are still included, even though they can't be recounted.

"They kept telling me that it didn't change the outcome of the election," she said. "If you cannot open up the boxes, how is that not going to change the outcome?"

The Herald-Palladium was not notified ahead of time of the Aug. 28 recount. Berrien County Clerk

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Barbara Meeks, a recent candidate for Benton Township clerk, talks about some of her concerns with the August primary election recount during a meeting with media Wednesday morning in Benton Harbor.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

One lane remains open in each direction as work continues along Niles Avenue in St. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon. Work is expected to continue through Sept. 30.

Motorists along Niles Avenue should expect traffic shifts, delays and reduced speed as pavement work continues this month in St. Joseph.

Work along Niles Avenue in St. Joseph is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Construction slows traffic on busy M-63 corridor

Work slated to end by Sept. 30

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — One lane will remain open in each direction as the Michigan Department of Transportation crews continue work on a construction project on M-63 (Niles Avenue) in St. Joseph.

Construction, which includes concrete pavement and joint repairs, began Tuesday and, weather permitting, is expected to be completed Sept. 30.

MDOT Assistant Construction Engineer Jarrett Burgess said work is being performed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

The work stretches 1.1 miles, from south of Midway Avenue to south of Winchester Avenue. The initial work began in the northbound lanes, with traffic diverted to the southbound lanes, one lane in each direction.

Once the work in the northbound lanes is completed, that pattern will be reversed as work gets underway in the southbound lanes. That switch is expected to begin Sept. 17.

Burgess said motorists should expect traffic shifts, delays and reduced speed throughout the project, and construction activities will impact some driveway access.

That stretch of road is a main business corridor for St. Joseph, and even on normal days can prove difficult to navigate for drivers attempting to turn left.

Burgess said MDOT is attempting to notify property owners at least one day in advance to communicate appropriate access and the duration of closures.

MDOT spokesman Nick Schirripa said the project represents a $400,000 investment and is funded by the state. He said the work will help maintain the serviceability of the road and keep maintenance costs down on that section of M-63.

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SH council majority appears cool to BLM street mural

Use of public street is the sticking point

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Although neighboring cities such as Kalamazoo and Benton Harbor have allowed the painting of Black Lives Matter murals on their city streets, it doesn't appear at this point that South Haven officials favor the idea.

City Council members on Monday decided not to vote on two mural requests by South Haven resident Mo'Nique Crowley, who helped organize the peaceful Black Lives Matter march and protest in May. Her first proposal is for a mural to be painted on Phoenix Street in front of city hall, stating the words, "Black Lives Matter" in a variety of colors – an identical request she made to the council in August. Her other request is for another, more artistic mural to be painted on the restroom building at Elkenburg Park.

"The mural at the park will be an artistic tribute to things that are important to African American history. It will actually be a visual museum," Crowley explained.

But instead of voting on whether to allow the painting of the murals, council voted in favor of asking the planning commission and parks commission to review a proposed mural policy drafted by city staff, and to determine if murals should be allowed to be painted on public roadways.

City staff have spent the past several weeks developing the proposed mural policy following Crowley's initial request in August that a mural be painted on Phoenix Street in front of city hall. At that time, staff expressed concern that the street in front of city hall is very narrow and congested in the summertime. They feared motorists or pedestrians may be distracted by the mural and fail to pay attention to the traffic signage in place, especially the crosswalk painted in the roadway where the mural is

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Governor Whitmer's virus-related powers reach top Michigan court

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's bold use of emergency powers during the coronavirus pandemic reached the Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday as justices heard hours of arguments about whether she has illegally made far-reaching decisions without input from the Legislature.

Whitmer, a Democrat, has repeatedly ordered virus-related restrictions under a 1945 law that grants power to declare emergencies "when public safety is imperiled" but makes no mention of public health or a pandemic.

Whitmer's critics, especially Republicans who control the Legislature, instead point to a 1976 law that says lawmakers get a say in emergency declarations after 28 days.

For six months, Whitmer has imposed – and subsequently eased – restrictions on Michigan's economy, K-12 school system, health care and even visits to state parks, all in a desire to reduce the risk of the highly contagious virus, which has killed more than 6,500 residents.

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Book: Trump said of virus, 'I wanted to always play it down'

By KEVIN FREKING and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump talked in private about the "deadly" coronavirus last February, even as he was declaring to America it was no worse than the flu and insisting it was under control, according to a new book by journalist Bob Woodward. Trump said Wednesday he was just being a "cheerleader" for the nation and trying to keep everyone calm.

His public rhetoric, Trump told Woodward in March, was part of a strategy to deliberately minimize the danger. "I wanted to always play it down," the president said. "I still like playing it down because I don't want to create a panic."

Trump, according to the book, acknowledged being alarmed by the virus, even as he was telling the nation that it would swiftly disappear.

Coming less than eight weeks before Election Day, the revelations in the book – accompanied by recordings Woodward made of his interviews with Trump – provide an unwelcome return of public attention to the president's handling of the pandemic that has so far killed about 190,000 Americans. He is currently pushing hard for a resumption of normal activity and trying to project strength and control to bolster his political position in his campaign against Democrat Joe Biden.

In a Feb. 7 call with Woodward, Trump said of the virus, "You just breathe the air and that's how it's passed. And so that's a very tricky one. That's a very delicate one. It's also more deadly than even your strenuous flus." "This is deadly stuff," the president repeated for emphasis.

Just three days later, Trump struck a far rosier tone in an interview with Fox Business: "I think the virus is going to be – it's going to be fine."

Biden said Wednesday the book shows Trump "lied to the American people. He knowingly and willingly lied about the threat it posed to the country for months."

"While a deadly disease ripped through our nation, he failed to do his job – on purpose. It was a life or death betrayal of the American people," Biden said at a campaign event in Michigan.

Speaking Wednesday at the White House, Trump acknowledged he downplayed the virus, insisting he was trying to buck up the nation and suggesting he was trying to avoid "gouging" on prices of needed supplies.

"The fact is I'm a cheerleader for this country. I love our country and I don't want people to be frightened. I don't want to create panic, as you say," Trump told reporters. "Certainly, I'm not going to drive this country or the world into a frenzy. We want to show confidence. We want to show strength."

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
6-5-4
Midday Daily 4
7-9-9-2
Daily 3
1-5-7
Daily 4
7-2-6-2
Fantasy 5
9-20-25-26-38
Keno
8-9-12-13-14-15-16-17-22-23-29-31-32-35-36-49-50-53-57-63-67-73
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $108 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $75 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
07-10-15-31-57, Mega Ball: 21, Megaplier: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
14-24-31-34-38
Cash4Life
02-15-18-23-53, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
05-08-09-13-16-18-21-22-28-31-33-36-52-59-62-68-71-72-78-79, BE: 59
Daily Three-Midday
7-9-4, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
2-0-9, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
2-4-2-8, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
9-6-2-5, SB: 9

Quick Draw Evening
05-14-20-23-25-29-30-31-32-39-40-47-49-58-59-63-74-76-78-79, BE: 78
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-26-37-41-44
Pick Three-Midday
3-1-0, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
2-4-4, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
4-7-3-2, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
3-0-5-1, Fireball: 3
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Biden aims to rebuild 'blue wall' in Michigan visit

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE and WILL WEISSERT
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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden listens during a campaign event with steelworkers in the backyard of a home in Detroit on Wednesday.

WARREN — Joe Biden traveled to suburban Detroit on Wednesday to make a direct appeal to blue-collar workers who might have voted Republican four years ago but now regret it – attempting to rebuild the once fabled Democratic "blue wall" that crumbled and helped catapult Donald Trump to the White House.

The former vice president's first coronavirus-era campaign trips beyond his home in Delaware have been to Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, an indication of how closely Biden's electoral prospects are tied to winning back those formerly reliably Democratic states.

Biden pledged to rewrite tax codes to reward U.S. companies that invest in domestic manufacturing while imposing penalties on those that send jobs to other countries. He spoke outside a United Auto Workers regional office in Warren, flanked by an array of U.S.-made cars including Fords, Jeeps and Chevrolets.

"I'm not looking to punish American businesses but there's a better way," Biden said. "Make it in Michigan. Make it in America. Invest in our communities and the workers in places like Warren."

He noted that a local General Motors transmission plant closed last year despite Trump's pledges to protect Michigan jobs, adding, "I bet the workers around here weren't all that comforted by Trump's empty promises."

"Under Donald Trump, Michigan lost auto jobs even before COVID hit," Biden said. "And what about offshoring? Has Trump delivered on stopping companies from shipping American jobs overseas? You already know the answer. Of course not."

Later Wednesday, Biden visited a clothing shop in a predominantly Black neighborhood of Detroit. Last week, he went to Wisconsin and was followed quickly by running mate Kamala Harris, who held Labor Day events there. Biden hit Pennsylvania during the holiday and will be back on Friday.

Trump is countering with his own trip to Michigan on Thursday and flies to Pennsylvania himself the following day.

Though the Biden campaign often emphasizes that it sees multiple ways to secure the 270 Electoral College votes it needs to win in November, the quickest path runs through Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

"If Biden wins any of them – but particularly any two, with some of the other states that are in play – it's pretty impossible for Trump to win the Electoral College," said veteran Democratic strategist Joe Trippi.

Biden's aides believe his focus on the economy and Trump's handling of the coronavirus will resonate with key voters nationwide but particularly in states like Michigan, which took one of the sharpest hits nationally from the pandemic.

The state's unemployment rate spiked at 24 percent in April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It has since recovered to 8.7 percent, but Michigan has nearly 414,500 fewer jobs than it did when Trump was inaugurated.

Previewing the president's own Michigan trip, the Trump campaign looked to paint Biden as deferential on China. Trump's allies have long credited his hawkish stance toward Beijing in 2016 as helping him win the industrial Midwest, which suffered job losses overseas that Trump blamed on Obama-era trade policies.

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Critics argue that a lack of collaboration has crippled many businesses that had insisted they could safely reopen. The Supreme Court coincidentally heard arguments on the day that gyms in large metro areas were allowed to open for the first time since March.

"This case is not about the wisdom of the governor's decisions during this pandemic. It is instead about the structure of our government," said Amy Murphy, an attorney for health care providers who have challenged Whitmer.

Murphy said the two laws about emergency powers should be applied together so the 28-day time limit is embraced.

The high-stakes case reached the Supreme Court in an uncommon way. A federal judge overseeing a lawsuit that makes state and federal claims about Whitmer's powers asked for an opinion on the constitutionality of the Michigan laws.

It's possible that the court still could turn down the judge's request even after hearing arguments, although experts believe that's unlikely. In a separate lawsuit filed by Republican lawmakers, two lower courts have upheld Whitmer's use of the 1945 law, but that case hasn't been accepted yet by the Supreme Court.

Whitmer has exercised an "enormous assertion of power," said Justice David Viviano, adding later that "only the governor's imagination seems to be the limit."

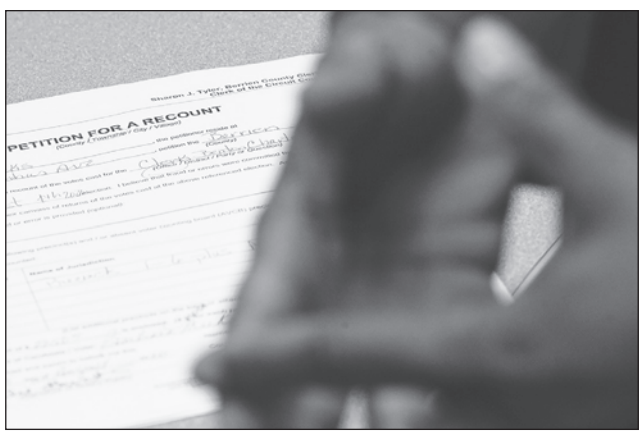
But Eric Restuccia of the attorney general's office said Whitmer's authority has been appropriate, likening COVID-19 to a wildfire.

"While there has been some success with these firefighters trying to contain the fire, it threatens to break free," Restuccia told the court. "The Legislature and the plaintiffs are telling us that there is no emergency, as if the firefighters can come home. But if they do, it will place our communities in jeopardy."

Chief Justice Bridget McCormack wondered if the Whitmer administration could get around the dispute by citing public health laws to support its response to the pandemic.

The governor, meanwhile, said she believes the court will rule in her favor.

"We are in a stronger position than most other states in the nation because we got aggressive and took actions that were permitted under these 1945 powers," Whitmer told a business forum. "An effort to take those away jeopardizes all the work that we have done and also puts us in a much weaker position when we have a second wave."



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Meeks is seeking answers after petitioning for an election recount.

Barbara Meeks, a recent candidate for Benton Township clerk, talks with the media about the August primary election recount.

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Sharon Tyler said the notice for the recount was posted on the doors of the Administration Center and Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph, along with on the door of the Berrien County Courthouse in Niles, and on the county's website.

Meeks said she paid $2,250 for the recount, then was later reimbursed $1,250 for the ballot boxes that couldn't be recounted.

Meeks said this isn't the first time she won the in-person vote but lost when the absentee ballots were added in. She said the same thing happened in 2016, when she challenged Phillips for the clerk's seat.

Phillips was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Meeks said that during the recount in 2016, there was at least one ballot box that couldn't be opened and recounted due to the serial and poll book numbers not matching. She said she decided to let it slide in 2016, but won't let it happen again.

Meeks said she was told that only the FBI or Michigan State Police can open ballot boxes in which the numbers don't match the poll books.

When she contacted the FBI, Meeks said she was told that they only get involved in federal races.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said he is looking over the case and plans to hand it over to be investigated later this week by Michigan State Police or the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

Tyler said she is trying to stay out of any election issues because she is on the ballot to be re-elected as a county clerk.

She said that Benton Township was the last municipality to report its election results, at 6 a.m. the day after the election, because the tabulators kept getting jammed by absentee ballots.

Tyler explained that people use different kinds of pens to mark their votes at home, which can leave residue on a tabulator that can build up and cause a jam.

"Sometimes, people make a mistake and they don't want to get a new (absentee ballot) so they use whiteout. That messes up the machines," Tyler said.

Another problem encountered during the August primary was the high humidity. She said election workers will be instructed to clean the machines more often to avoid paper jams in future elections.

Tyler said she is not certain why the numbers didn't match on five of the Benton Township ballot boxes. She said that sometimes, overtired election workers accidentally transpose numbers. At other times, an election worker has to break the seal on a ballot box and then forgets to record the new seal number in the poll book.

She said there were also more new poll workers than usual because some of the regular poll workers didn't want to work due to the pandemic.

"I don't think anybody did anything deliberate," Tyler said. "I think it was just errors. Unfortunately, people being tired and the pandemic, it creates a different environment to do an election."

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SH Jazz Festival moves to online format

Event is Sept. 18-19

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Fears of the coronavirus pandemic squelched most musical concerts and festivals in South Haven this summer, but the show will go on for the South Haven Jazz Festival, albeit online.

Foundry Hall cultural arts organization could have let the festival go by the wayside this year, but didn't want to throw in the towel, according to Larry Brown, one of the main organizers of the event.

"The South Haven Jazz Festival is a relatively young festival and we feel it is very important to keep the momentum going," he said regarding the event that is entering its fourth year. "We have big plans to expand it next year and don't want it to stumble now."

The festival, which attracts jazz artists from throughout the state, will take place Sept. 18-19 online. People can click the "live broadcast" button at ⊠Southhavenjazzfestival.com for access.

This year's lineup of jazz artists will be half the number of performers the festival normally features.

"We assumed that our sponsors would find it difficult to continue to support us this year so we scaled back the festival from 11 bands to 6," Brown explained. "We could use more financial help but we are not going to push anyone."

Attracting musical acts to perform during the pandemic has proven to be a challenge.

"All jazz musicians need work during this pandemic so it was not hard to get their interest, but the big bands have not been able to even practice and unfortunately, a number of musicians do not have access to high speed internet to be able to broadcast a strong signal from their home," Brown said. "We are very thankful that our jazz groups have agreed to cut their fees so we can put this festival on. We hope listeners will be very generous with their (online) tips."

People who listen to the concerts will notice several performers familiar to Southwest Michigan, including the Fennville-based Jim Cooper Quartet; Grand Rapids jazz vocalist Edye Evans Hyde; and the Ivan Akansiima Trio, a Kalamazoo-based group that performs throughout the region.

Here is the schedule of events:

Friday, Sept. 18

7 p.m. – Blue Shoes Jazz Ensemble. This Southwest Michigan-based jazz group is a 10 piece combo dedicated to performing swing, Latin, rock, blues and jazz.

8 p.m. – Derek Brown. The son of South Haven Jazz Festival organizer Larry Brown, Derek Brown is a classically trained musician and instructor who taught jazz studies at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas for six years, Brown, 34, is becoming better known these days as a jazz soloist and musical innovator, courtesy of his You Tube videos. That in turn has led to solo tours throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Contributed photo
Saxaphonist Derek Brown is scheduled to perform as part of the online South Haven Jazz Festival. Brown has performed throughout the United States as well as several foreign countries.

9 p.m. – Ivan Akansiima Trio. Born and raised in the small town of Jinja, Uganda, Akansiima first toured the United States as a guitarist with Kinobe and Soul Beat Africa, playing three memorable shows in South Haven, all presented by Foundry Hall. Not long after those performances, Akansiima decided to stay in Michigan. He studied music at LMC and Hope College, earning his associate's and bachelor's degrees. In the fall of 2019, Akansiima completed his master's degree in jazz studies at Western Michigan University

Photo provided
Ivan Akansiima's trio will headline the musical entertainment at Chocolate, Wine & Jazz.

Saturday, Sept. 19

7 p.m. – Edye Evans Hyde. A jazz vocalist from Grand Rapids, Hyde is an instructor of jazz and directs the Gospel Choir at Hope College. She also is executive director of the Grand Rapids-based Ebony Road Players. She has been teaching and performing jazz, blues and pop music for more 30 years in West Michigan, Los Angeles and Asia.

8 p.m. – Ashley and Benje Daneman – A singer from New York, Ashley Daneman is known for mixing folk and jazz. She will share the stage with her husband, Benje, who will provide trumpet accompaniment. Ashley Daneman earned a master's degree in music and vocal performance from the Manhattan School of Music and ha performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., as well as clubs in New York City.

9 p.m. – Jim Cooper Quartet. Cooper is no stranger to Southwest Michigan audiences. He has been playing the vibraphone for over 40 years, leading groups and appearing as both soloist and sideman. A native Chicagoan now living in West Michigan, Jim has performed and/or recorded with Michigan clarinetists Harry Goldson and Dave Bennett, pianists Jeff Haas and Robin Connell, organist Jim Alfredson and saxist Ken Morgan. He has shared the stage with nationally known jazz artists like Art Van Damme, Larry Vuckovich, Frank Wess, Milt Hinton, Marcus Belgrave, Ira Sullivan, Buddy de Franco and Jon Faddis and the Chicago Jazz Ensemble.

ENDLESS SUMMER

Don Campbell / HP staff
A surfer rides waves along Weko Beach in Bridgman Wednesday afternoon, as a sign in the foreground proclaims local sentiment for the popular beach.

Michigan gyms are open after 6 months

ROCHESTER HILLS (AP) — Michigan's gyms are open for workouts after nearly six months.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order took effect Wednesday, allowing fitness centers to operate in a swath of the state that holds 93 percent of Michigan's population.

Gyms face 25 percent capacity limits, and face coverings are mandatory, even during workouts. Gyms in northern Michigan reopened with restrictions earlier in summer.

Alyssa Tushman said it was "surreal" to open the doors of her three Burn Fitness gyms in suburban Detroit.

"I think we're actually still processing how long we were closed," Tushman said from the Rochester Hills location.

Personal trainers led one-on-one, in-person workouts while other trainers conducted classes by video. A few members worked out in the main gym area.

"It's been a long time without doing this," said Tony Rosasco, 21, of Troy, who is training to become a firefighter. "It's not the same feeling working out at home. I really wanted to get back here."

Line 5 pipeline can go back to full strength

By CHEYNA ROTH
mlive.com

Enbridge's Line 5 will once again operate at full strength. The east leg of the dual pipeline that carries oil and natural gas liquids under the Straits of Mackinac had been shut down since June.

"The decision to allow the restart of the east segment of Line 5 is very positive for the many residents and businesses in Michigan and the Great Lakes region who depend on the energy Line 5 delivers," said Vern Yu, Executive Vice President and President of Liquids at Enbridge.

"Enbridge will continue to focus on the safe operation of the dual Line 5 pipelines at the Straits of Mackinac, ensuring the Great Lakes are protected while also reliably delivering the energy and feedstock that helps to fuel Michigan's and the region's economy."

On May 26, Enbridge revealed that there were spots on the pipeline where protective coating had worn away and bare metal was exposed. Further damage was discovered in June, this time to an anchor support, though Enbridge said at the time that the damage was only to the anchor support, and not the line itself.

About a week after the additional damage was announced, a judge ordered the entire line be shut down on June 25.

In his order, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge James Jamo wrote that the risk of harm to the Great Lakes and various communities and businesses that rely on the lakes would be "not only substantial but also in some respects irreparable."

Jamo later ruled on July 1, that the west leg of the line could reopen while an in-line investigation was conducted on the east leg of the line. An in-line investigation involves sending a device into the pipe to determine if there is any evidence of internal damage.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration conducted the investigation and found, "no integrity issues" and stated it "has no objection to Enbridge restarting the east leg of Line 5" according to an exhibit in court filings.

But environmental groups do have an objection to opening the east leg, and for the continued running of Line 5.

"When it comes down to it, Line 5 should not be operational anymore," said Beth Wallace of the National Wildlife Federation.

"There's so much that's out of their control and so much at risk. And so at this point Line 5 really just needs to be shutdown," she said.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Covert man bound over for trial in motorcyclist's death

Chicago man was killed July 19 on I-94

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Covert man has been bound over for trial in connection with the death of a motorcyclist July 19 on I-94 near Stevensville.

Marco Rodriguez, 26, was bound over for trial Tuesday by Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gordon Hosbein on a charge of operating while intoxicated causing the death of Mario Estrada, 33, of Chicago.

According to police and court records, Estrada was traveling west on I-94 at about 1 a.m. July 19 when a car driven by an allegedly intoxicated Rodriguez slammed into the back of his motorcycle, killing him.

Police said at the time they thought alcohol was involved.

Berrien Assistant Public Defender Jeffery Kaplan said his client was bound over following a preliminary hearing earlier this week.

A trial has been set for the week of Feb. 8, 2021.

Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Cortney O'Malley-Septoski said if convicted as charged, Rodriguez faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. He has been released from the Berrien County jail on bond.

The crash was investigated by Michigan State Police, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Lincoln Township and Baroda-Lake Township police.

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IN BRIEF

Berrien County adds another COVID-19 death

Berrien County recorded another COVID-19 death Tuesday, bringing the county's death toll to 71.

The county last recorded a death on Aug. 27.

Over Tuesday and Wednesday, the county added seven new COVID-19 cases and 27 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 78 active cases. That's down from 99 on Monday and up from 57 last Wednesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating eight COVID-19 patients Wednesday morning. That's down from 10 on Sunday and up from seven last Wednesday.

Van Buren County has added 20 new COVID-19 cases since Friday. It's death toll remains at 14.

Cass County has added 12 new COVID-19 cases since Friday. The county's death toll is still 16.

GhostLight Theatre to hold outdoor reading Friday

BENTON HARBOR — The GhostLight Theatre in the Benton Harbor Arts District has found a way to provide some entertainment free to the community this Friday.

The theater will do several readings from "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Clybourne Park" at 6 p.m. outdoors at the corner of Water and Hinkley streets.

The readings will include some adult content, so the performance is recommended for ages 14 and up.

Attendees are asked to bring blankets and lawn chairs, remain socially distant and wear masks. The event is free, but donations are welcome.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/GhostLightBentonHarbor.

BEETLE BAILEY

COULD WE BREAK FOR LUNCH, SIR? I'M HUNGRY
THAT'S WHY I PUT A BOWL OF CANDY ON THE TABLE
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CANDY?
GREG+ MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

DAD, DO YOU REMEMBER STASHING A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL BEHIND THE CAR VISOR?
I DON'T THINK SO, WHY?
NO REASON
I NEED TO HAVE A CHAT WITH THAT BOY
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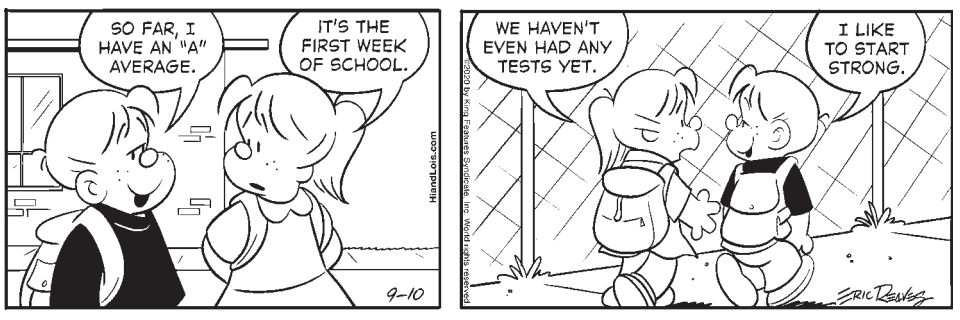
HI & LOIS


SO FAR, I HAVE AN "A" AVERAGE.
IT'S THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.
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WE HAVEN'T EVEN HAD ANY TESTS YET.
I LIKE TO START STRONG.
ERIC REVELS

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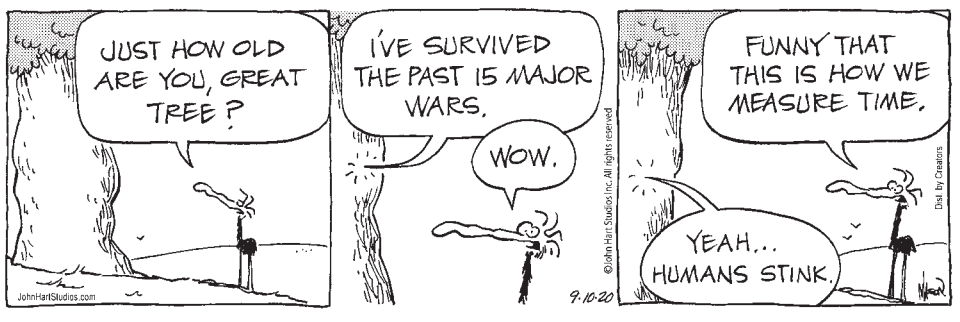
JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU, GREAT TREE?
I'VE SURVIVED THE PAST 15 MAJOR WARS.
WOW.
FUNNY THAT THIS IS HOW WE MEASURE TIME.
YEAH... HUMANS STINK.
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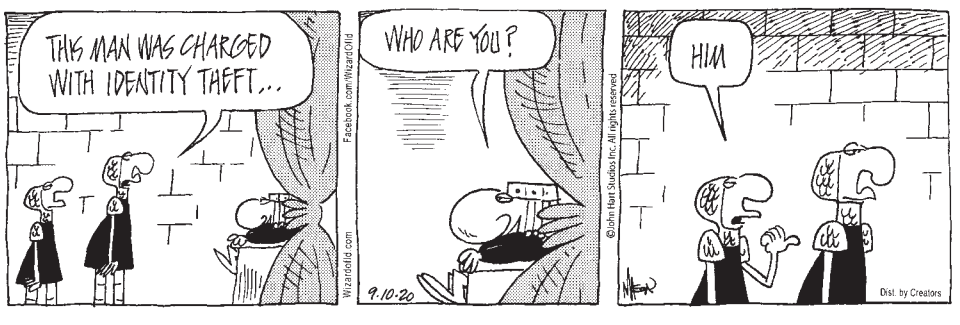

DILBERT

MY NEW SOFTWARE INVENTION IS CALLED "ARTIFICIAL DUMB—NESS."
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
IT ACTS DUMB SO HUMANS WILL THINK THEY ARE TALKING TO ONE OF THEIR OWN.
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THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY WORK.
THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY WORK.

GARFIELD

"DEAR ASK A DOG, MY DOG REFUSES TO OBEY MY COMMANDS"
"WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?"
BARK! BARK! BARK!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
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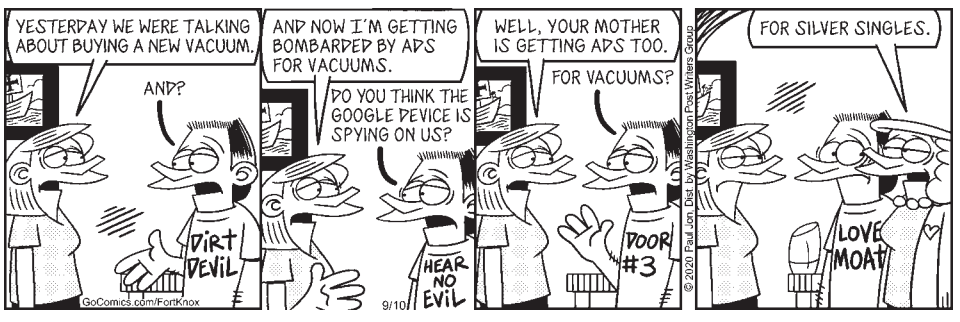
YESTERDAY WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BUYING A NEW VACUUM.
AND?
AND NOW I'M GETTING BOMBARDED BY ADS FOR VACUUMS.
DO YOU THINK THE GOOGLE DEVICE IS SPYING ON US?
WELL, YOUR MOTHER IS GETTING ADS TOO.
FOR VACUUMS?
FOR SILVER SINGLES.
DIRT DEVIL
HEAR NO EVIL
DOOR #3
LOVE MOAT
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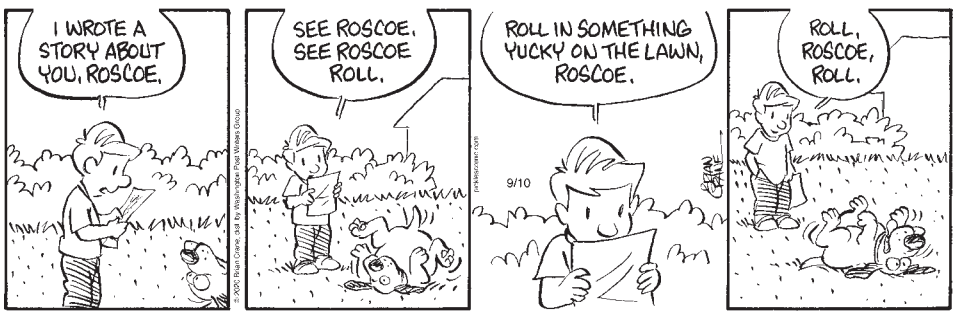
PICKLES


I WROTE A STORY ABOUT YOU, ROSCOE.
SEE ROSCOE. SEE ROSCOE ROLL.
ROLL IN SOMETHING YUCKY ON THE LAWN, ROSCOE.
ROLL, ROSCOE, ROLL.
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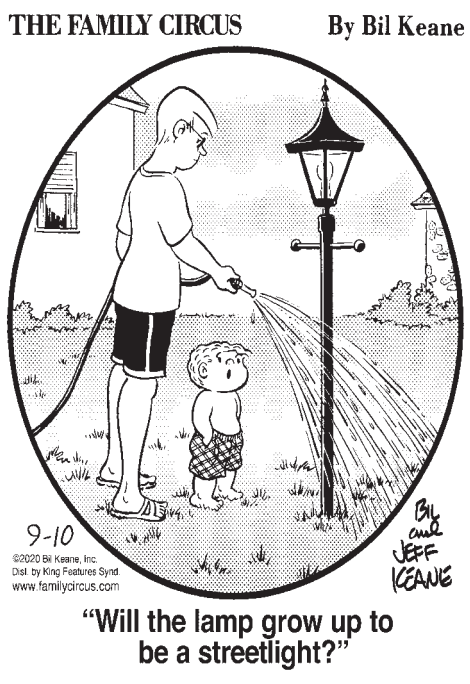
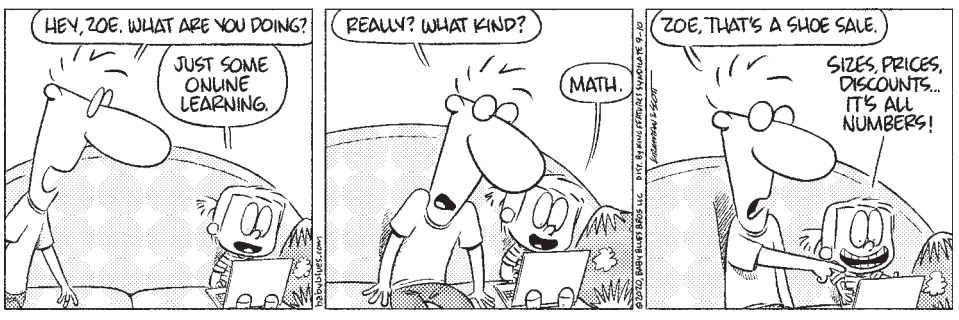
FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES



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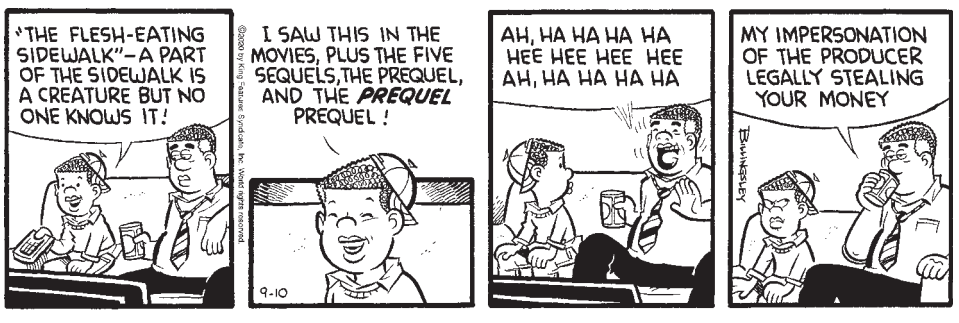
"THE FLESH-EATING SIDEWALK"—A PART OF THE SIDEWALK IS A CREATURE BUT NO ONE KNOWS IT!
I SAW THIS IN THE MOVIES, PLUS THE FIVE SEQUELS, THE PREQUEL, AND THE PREQUEL PREQUEL!
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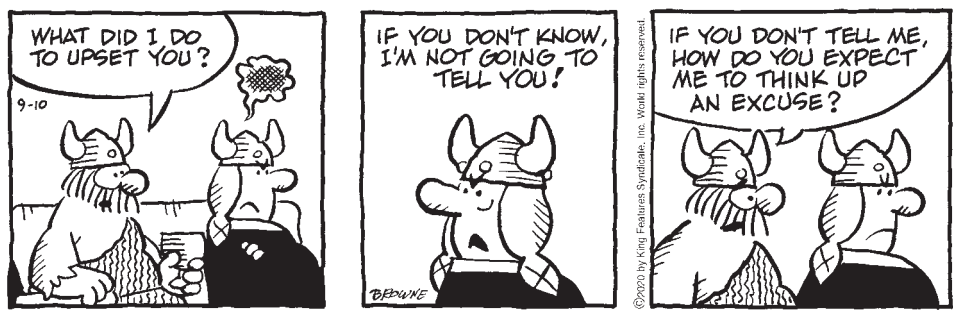
AH, HA HA HA HA HEE HEE HEE HEE AH, HA HA HA HA
MY IMPERSONATION OF THE PRODUCER LEGALLY STEALING YOUR MONEY

ZITS

WHY DOES HAMLET DECLINE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CLAUDIUS IN ACT III?
ANYBODY?
JEREMY?
NFUM GB LONFUN FA DN MRMBG
UH, RIGHT... I GUESS.
I SHOULDA STARTED WEARING MASKS YEARS AGO.
ZITSCOMICS.COM

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WHAT DID I DO TO UPSET YOU?
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IF YOU DON'T KNOW, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU!
BROOME
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO THINK UP AN EXCUSE?
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I STARTED TAKING GINKGO BILOBA TO IMPROVE MY MEMORY.
OH... DOES IT WORK?
I STARTED TAKING GINKGO BILOBA TO IMPROVE MY MEMORY.
GREAT. UM, LOOKS LIKE IT'S WORKING.
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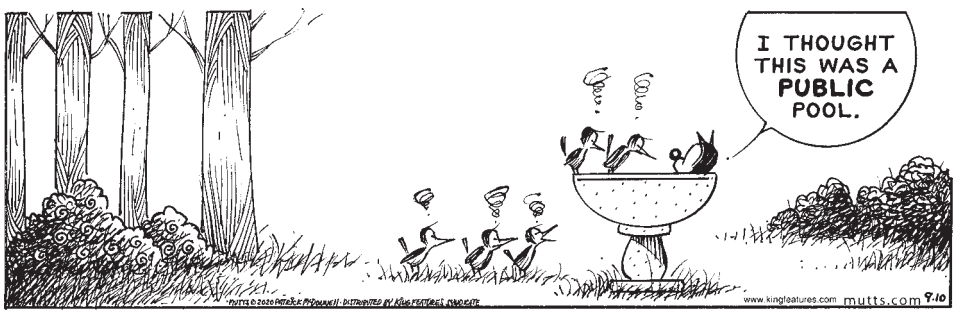

SALLY FORTH

OKAY, BEFORE WE START OUR FIRST DAY BACK AT WORK, LET'S GO OVER WHAT WORK WE DO HAVE...
WHICH CURRENTLY IS NONE, SINCE THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAKE UP OUR CLIENTELE IF THEY EVER WERE TO HIRE US ARE STRUGGLING, SO WE COULD HAVE DONE ALL THIS WITH A FIVE-MINUTE ZOOM CALL.
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I DID RE-PLUG IN THE COFFEE MACHINE, THOUGH.
I FORGOT TO BRING COFFEE.
KEEFE
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DON'T MISS

THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING SEP. 10

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Holey Moley ((F)) (N)		Holey Moley (N) CC (DVS)		Shark Attack: The Paige Winter Story	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		:01 Love Island (N) CC		To Be Announced	
NBC 5 8 16	:00 NFL Kickoff 2020 (N) (L)		:20 NFL Football Houston Texans at Kansas City Chiefs. (N) (L)				
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece CC		Tales from the Royal Bedchamber CC		Antiques Roadshow "Cleveland" CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Teller Talks!!!"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Teller Talks!!!"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Lou's life in Dubai.		Highway to Heaven "A Special Love"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48 "Teardrops; Almost Home"		:02 The First 48 CC	
AMC	:00 ★★★★ Titanic ('97, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC						
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	Thin Line	★★ Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself ('09) CC					
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Soccer			Women's College Soccer CC			
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Watch What	Boo 2! Madea
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Never Bac	★★ Genius ('16, Biography) Colin Firth, Jude Law. CC		:45 ★★★ First Man ('18) Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy. CC			
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Erin Brockovich ('00, Drama) Julia Roberts. CC					
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 The Office CC		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Homestead	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		Homestead Rescue "Surviving the Wild: Homestead Business is Booming" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Insane	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	:00 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Women's Semifinals. (N) (L)						
ESPN2	SportCtr	WNBA Basketball: Aces vs Lynx				30 for 30 CC	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible CC			Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	MLB Baseball		Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.	Tigers	Lions	Spartans
Freefrm	6:30 ★★★ Despicable Me 2		★★★ Happy Feet ('06, Children's) Voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Brittany Murphy. CC				
FX	5:30 Ted 2	★★ The Equalizer ('14, Action) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. A former commando champions the helpless. CC					
Golf	2020 LPGA ANA			Central	Central	PGA Golf	
Hallmark	Love on Ice ('17)	Second Chances ('13, Romance) Alison Sweeney, Greg Vaughan. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 The Vow	★★★ The Curious Case of Benjamin Button ('08, Fantasy) Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Taraji P. Henson. CC					
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Christina	Christina/Coast		Christina/Coast		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Couples' Cam" (N)		Married at First Sight Couples attend the last Dinner Party. (N) CC			
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Double Shot at Love		Revenge	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Immortals	NASCAR Cup Series Cook Out Southern 500. (Taped)					
NFL	Kickoff	Top Players-2020		Top Players-2020		Top Players-2020	
Nick	Loud	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Inside 9/11: Zero Hour			Bin Laden's-Drive		9/10: Final	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard "Deadly Ally"		Buried in the Backyard CC		Snapped "Misook Wang" CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Big ('88, Children's) Tom Hanks. CC					Big ('88)
Showtime	★★ Fever Pitch	Shameless Monica returns. CC		Love Fraud "Wichita" CC		We Hunt Together	Higher Learning
Starz	:08 ★★ Black and Blue ('19) Naomie Harris. CC			★★ Greed ('19, Comedy) Steve Coogan, Isla Fisher, Shirley Henderson. CC			
STZENC	:07 ★★★ Beirut ('18) Jon Hamm, Rosamund Pike. CC			★★★ The Thin Red Line ('98, War) Sean Penn, Adrien Brody. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ Taken 2 ('12) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace.			★★ Tomb Raider ('18, Adventure) Alicia Vikander, Dominic West. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort Christine stirs the pot. (N)	
TCM	Somebody Up	★★★ So Proudly We Hail ('43, War) Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard. CC				:15 ★★★★ M*A*S*H ('70) CC	
TMC	:00 ★★★ Seabiscuit ('03, Drama) Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges. CC				★★★ The Natural ('84, Drama) Robert Redford. CC		
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	3:30 New Jack City ('91)			Movie CC			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Man who threatened suicide demands his guns be returned

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been friends with another couple for more than 50 years. The four of us have shared lots of good times together.

After recent open heart surgery, the husband became very depressed and talked to his wife about "ending it all." She asked me to take the few handguns (all legal) they had in their home to be safe. I didn't feel I could say no. I'm not interested in guns, but it seemed a simple request. So she "snuck" them out to me during our last visit.

When the husband discovered what his wife had done, she told him about my role in it. He now demands I return his guns and says he no longer wants anything to do with me. His wife wants me to hold onto them for now.

What should I do? – Torn Over This

DEAR TORN: From what I have been told, depression after heart surgery is not unusual. Hang onto the guns and urge the wife to report her husband's threat to harm himself to his doctors and let them guide her. She should also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is 800-273-8255. Someone who has talked about suicide should not have easy access to the means to do it.

DEAR ABBY: Since this coronavirus pandemic started, I have seen lots of articles stressing the importance of staying connected to elderly family members, friends and those living alone. My husband and I have each other, so we are sheltering in place. Although we have eight grandkids who all live within 50 miles, we haven't heard a word from any of them, whether via phone, email or text, all of which we do. How bad is that? – Disconnected In California

DEAR DISCONNECTED: If you have reached out to your grandchildren and been ignored, shame on them. If you haven't, it's time you did. Sometimes young people become so engrossed in their daily lives they forget about anything else. But that's what PARENTS are for, to "remind" them that reaching out to someone who needs a kind word (or an errand run during a pandemic) can be rewarding not only for the receiver but also for the giver. Parents should remind them to take five minutes occasionally to text Grandma.

DEAR ABBY: I started and completed a college fund for my two daughters. Only one of them used it. The other joined the military and used the GI Bill for college instead of the money from the college fund ($10,000). Am I obligated to give her that money? I did pull it out of the fund and have it in a certificate. I figure when she buys a house, I'll give it to her then. – Wondering In Florida

DEAR WONDERING: Check with the bank to make sure there won't be a problem if the college fund money isn't used for your daughter's education. If you can apply it elsewhere in a way that will benefit her – and part of a down payment on a house would definitely qualify – I think it would be wonderful. But check first.

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She's pregnant and tired – of doctor's lectures

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm 23 weeks pregnant, and at every obstetric appointment – except with one doctor I saw – I get a lecture about how much weight I'm gaining.

It feels like they are saying I'm not doing it right, and I feel very defensive and go home and cry after these appointments.

I have gained 20 pounds so far. I mostly eat fruits, veggies, lean protein, etc., but I also indulge my sweet tooth and cravings. I walk almost every day and do strengthening exercises.

I understand I have gained a little more than recommended, but it doesn't feel like it merits a smacking every time I see the doctor. At the last appointment she acted like I was on a path to gain 70 pounds, which seems like a completely unfounded fear.

Am I being overly sensitive? I want to switch to the doctor who didn't talk about my weight, and seemed more relaxed overall. If I do switch, should I say why, so she knows this is a sensitive topic?

I don't want to stay with the original doctor and bring it up, but both are in the same office and even if I switched, I could get the original doctor when I give birth – which would be awkward. What do you think? – Defensive

DEAR DEFENSIVE: The easiest route: Switch doctors, say nothing and if the on-call schedule hands you the original doctor to perform the delivery, then trust her to be professional.

This is a good option if you don't want another hassle.

The more difficult, get-it-overwith route: Keep your doctor and say your piece: "I am working hard to eat healthy food, exercise and manage my weight. It feels like you are saying I'm not doing it right and I feel very defensive."

This is a good option if you don't want to spend the rest of your pregnancy dreading which doctor you'll get.

If speaking up feels too difficult, then please consider: Your appointments are *yours*. They are about your care. You get to direct that care. If you don't like the way your doctor responds, then you switch.

More important: Being a parent forces you to become a caregiver, and being a caregiver means you're an advocate on a whole other level. You aren't just speaking for yourself; you're the last line of defense for your charge.

So, if you don't feel comfortable starting, holding steady through and managing any awkwardness after a difficult conversation, then now is the time to start getting good at it.

REGARDING DEFENSIVE: I'm so sorry you're going home crying! However, your obstetricians are right to be concerned!

You're putting yourself at risk for gestational diabetes, blood pressure problems and a Caesarean section. Ask your doctors for a referral to a nutritionist to help figure out better food choices and portion control. – Nurse

DEAR NURSE: You're right that weight is a risk, but none of us knows whether the weight-harping doctor is right about this particular patient.

The nutritionist referral is a nice bypass, though, thanks.

REGARDING DEFENSIVE: My doctor kept bringing up weight gain – and I ended up gaining only 30 pounds. I handled it by simply saying: "Enough. I've heard you, and I don't need to hear you again."

He stopped mentioning it. – Anonymous

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1 Nat King —
5 Multitude
9 TD passers
12 Think ahead
13 Sci-fi award
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15 Quit flying
16 Reasoner's word
17 Hostel
18 Cheesecake brand (2 wds.)
20 Sneezy's pal
22 Solar wind component
23 Cable network
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27 Musical beat
30 Seines
31 Hippo locale
32 Folkloric being
34 Herriot, for one
35 Tool handle wood
36 Runner's unit
37 Mementos
40 Had a heart
41 Ben & Jerry rival
42 Towel's place
43 Inspecting
46 Disappointment
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51 Dots in "la mer"
53 Dublin's land
54 Jackie's second
55 Number of Muses
56 — dunk
57 HBO alternative
58 Upshot
59 Spelling error

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1 Audit pros
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3 Hideout
4 Involves
5 Gloss
6 Decoy
7 Quiche base
8 Like pine scent
9 Handy swab (hyph.)
10 Ulna or tibia
11 PlayStation brand
19 Part of LAX
21 Grain morsel
23 Klutz's cry (hyph.)
24 Mdse. bill
25 Bug repellent
26 Herr von Bismarck
27 Betsy or Diana
28 Estate recipient
29 Marseilles Ms.
31 Wacky
33 Govt. agent
36 Most ticked off
38 Recognize
39 Border
40 Bunkhouse item
42 Turn back the odometer
43 QED part
44 Tall tale
45 Put one's foot — —
46 Eye part
47 Greasy
48 Shawl or stole
49 Verne's captain
52 Twice XXVI

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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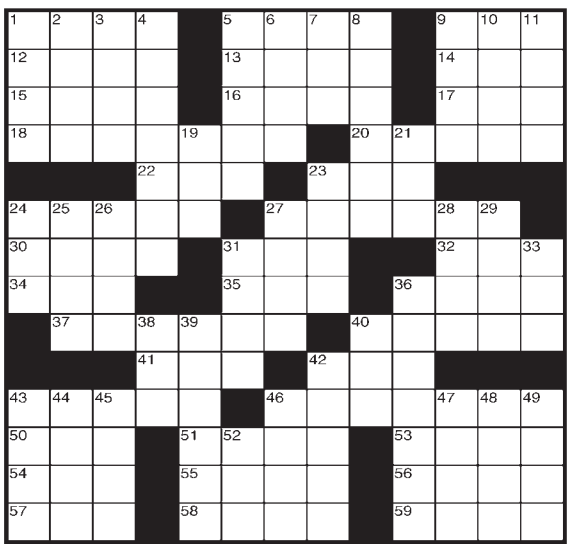

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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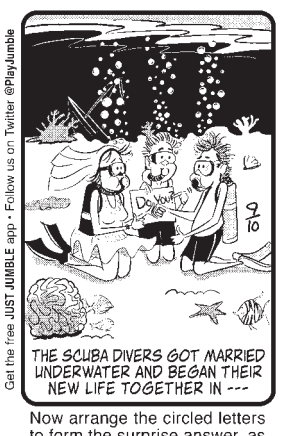
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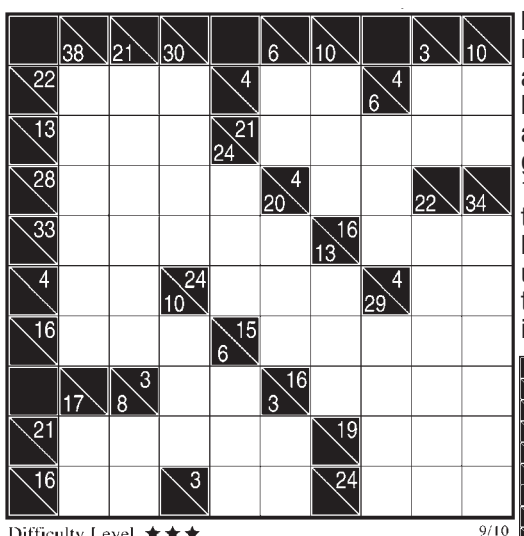

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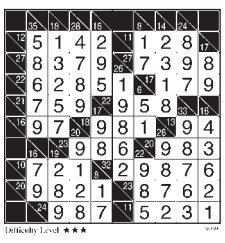

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All beginners' textbooks contain an opening-lead table. This includes the standard "top of touching honors." But there are times when it is better to make an unorthodox opening salvo. Today's deal features a lead that is well known in expert circles but would never be found by a near-beginner.

A modern West would have responded three hearts, a preemptive jump raise in competition. North's four hearts was a splinter bid, showing a high-card raise to four spades with at most one heart. The Losing Trick Count agreed with this evaluation, but North would have preferred his side-suit king-jack in diamonds.

West led the heart three. East won with the ace and shifted to the diamond queen. What happened after that? What was West's more effective opening lead?

Declarer exhibited excellent technique, allowing East to win the second trick. Assuming diamonds were 3-2, South realized that his contract was in danger only if West could regain the lead and push a club through dummy's holding. By ducking now, declarer kept West out of the deal.

When East continued with the diamond 10, South won with his ace, drew trumps, cashed the diamond king, went to the dummy with a trump and discarded his clubs on the high diamonds to come home with an overtrick.

"Sorry, partner," said West. "If I had led the heart king, I could have played a club next."

If you are short of entries, often at trick one, it is a good idea to lead an unsupported high honor in your side's bid suit. You might be able to make the telling switch at trick two.

North 09-10-20
♠ A J 7 6 4
♥ 8
♦ 9 8 5 4 2
♣ K J

West
♠ 5
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 7 5 3 2

East
♠ 10
♥ A Q 7 5 4 2
♦ Q 10
♣ A Q 10 8

South
♠ K Q 9 8 3 2
♥ J 10
♦ A K 3
♣ 6 4

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1♥
1♠	2♥	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

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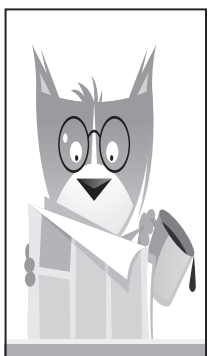

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Embrace change, see what life has to offer and be curious and ready to try something new. Refuse to let anyone tempt you or push you somewhere you don't want to go. Walk in a direction that offers happiness and satisfaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be frank about the way you feel, what you want and what you expect. How you handle others will affect the outcome of a tense situation. Be pragmatic and kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Listen carefully. Confusion and uncertainty will be rampant. Problems at home will surface if someone is indulgent or tries to push you in a direction you don't want to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Hang on to your cash. Steer clear of joint ventures. Seek out stability, downtime and creative endeavors that ease stress and stimulate your mind. Don't take physical risks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Get involved in something that requires energy and enthusiasm. Challenging yourself will help you get rid of anxiety. Make romance, peace and love priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pay more attention to your investments, contracts and health. Make changes that will improve your lifestyle. Verify information you receive before you pass it along or make a decision based on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Spend more time on self-improvement and less time trying to change others. Work alone until you are sure you have everything in place. Sharing or presenting what you have to offer prematurely will lead to interference.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A sensitive personal matter will require diplomacy. Consider the changes you can make to keep the peace and make everyone, including yourself, happy. The help you offer and the suggestions you make will lead to a better home environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put your energy into something worthwhile. Nurture a personal relationship. An unexpected change will help you adjust your lifestyle. Romance is on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change will make you uneasy. Until details are in place, keep your thoughts to yourself. Bide your time, and you'll get what you want in the end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put your energy toward a favored pursuit. Discussing your plans with someone special will lead to positive input. Love and romance look promising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not like change, but it may be in your best interest. Don't disregard an opportunity due to fear. Embrace the future with a positive attitude, and you will discover that life has more to offer than you imagined.

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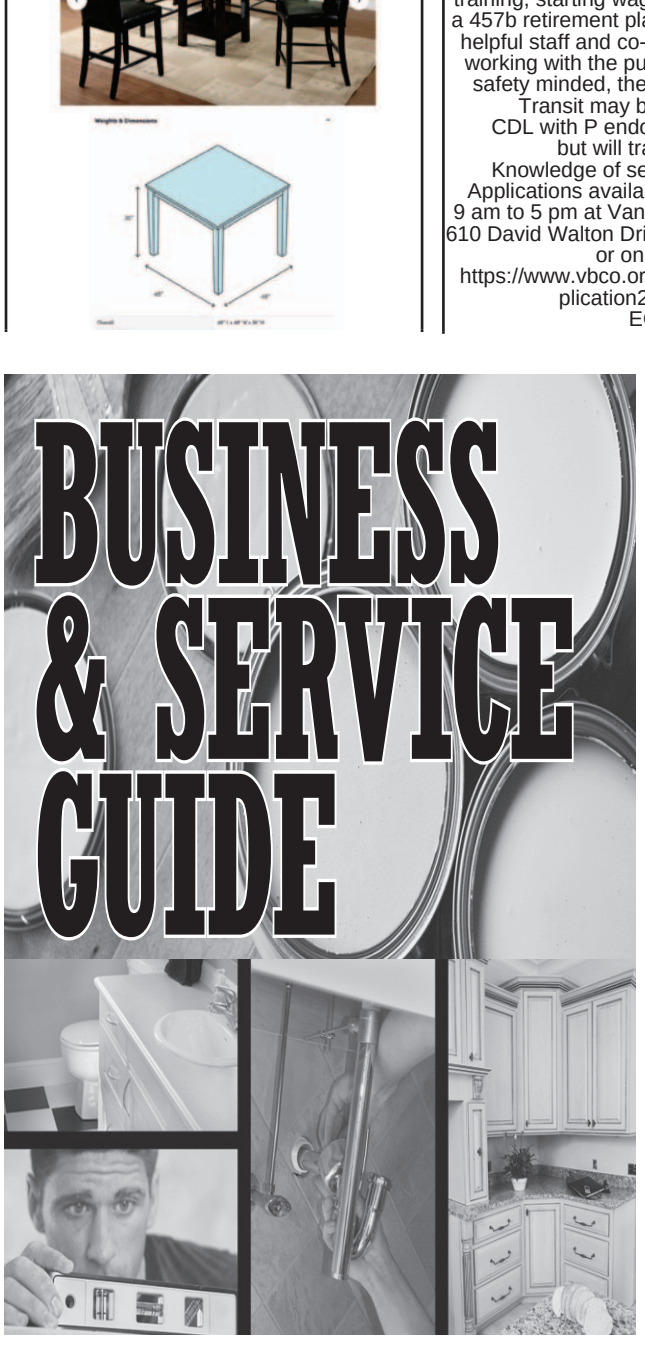

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The center is a lonely place to be

Jonah Goldberg

Who is a moderate now? Who's a centrist?

Until recently, the answer to such questions was primarily ideological. Centrists were middle-of-the-roaders who rejected the purity of the ideological left and right. I will confess: I used to have considerable scorn for such people. They often acted as if being in the middle was a sign of intellectual superiority.

After all, on some issues the pure ideological position is often smarter than the split-the-difference compromise. If one side wants to build a bridge over a canyon and the other side doesn't, the smartest course isn't to build half a bridge that stops in thin air.

In recent years, though, the definition of centrism has been changing before our eyes as the culture has become more partisan. For instance, I haven't changed my conservative views on most issues, but because I am a staunch critic of President Donald Trump, many liberals now treat me as if I am a moderate or centrist. That makes sense if you think of Trump as a giant magnet next to our political compass. He serves as the true north for much of the right, which means much of the left reflexively marches south. That puts me somewhere like halfway between the two at east or west.

But I've come to believe there's something else going on. Karen Stenner, an economist who studies authoritarianism, has identified what she calls an "authoritarian predisposition." She is quick to note that authoritarianism isn't synonymous with conservatism or any other ideological framework. Authoritarianism, she writes, "is a functional disposition concerned with maximizing 'oneness' and 'sameness' especially in conditions where the things that make us one and the same – common authority, and shared values – appear to be under threat."

Historically, American conservatism has balanced conflicting impulses. It has been antagonistic to sudden, drastic, social change while at the same time it fully embraced – at least in theory – the free market. The problem is that economic liberty fuels change more than almost anything else. What Joseph Schumpeter called "creative destruction" constantly replaces old means of production with new ones. Moreover, most conservatives were defenders of existing traditional institutions and norms. This deference to courts, elections and the rule of law put structural limits on the reach of culturally conservative programs.

A similar uneasy fusion endured on the left. In economics, capitalism was seen as something that needed to be harnessed, controlled or even caged. But in the cultural marketplace, the left had its own version of creative destruction.

But both sides kept these internal tensions in check. Now the equilibrium is breaking down before our eyes. Both left and right have their own versions of "cancel culture" now. Leading conservatives routinely heap scorn on "market fundamentalism," championing everything from protectionism and industrial planning to state meddling in social media platforms (despite the fact that the right dominates the very outlets they insist are "censoring" them). Prominent intellectuals flirt with authoritarianism, and even monarchy.

On the left, hostility to free speech and open debate is even more intense. In July, when a collection of mostly progressive intellectuals and writers issued an open letter calling for a renewed commitment to free speech, left-wing blowback was intense.

It's not just on issues of expression that the left's liberal consensus has come apart. Due process on college campuses is now scorned as reactionary. Religious liberty is tolerable, so long as it doesn't conflict with progressive values. It is rapidly becoming a mainstream position on the left to favor packing the Supreme Court as soon as possible.

Stenner argues that the authoritarian predisposition is triggered when the settled order becomes unsettled and an instinctive panic sets in. Whatever the cause(s) of these chaotic times may be (I have my theories), I think the chaos has triggered vast numbers of people on the left and the right to embrace illiberalism.

Both movements share an antipathy toward the bedrock American and classically liberal right to be wrong, to live differently, to care about unfashionable things, or simply to not care about fashionable ones. Dissent is a kind of assault that must be policed and silenced, by state or cultural power – or both. Conformity must be imposed. The twin fads of socialism and nationalism are best understood as competing attempts to impose sameness and order on each side's own terms.

In this climate, the new centrists can be ideologically conservative or progressive according to the old definitions, but east and west share a common discomfort with the constant demand to catastrophize our politics in order to impose orthodoxy on everyone. And amid the cacophony, such centrism can be quite lonely.

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

Russiagate dead-enders try for comeback

Byron York

The Trump-Russia investigation effectively ended on July 24, 2019, the day special counsel Robert Mueller testified on Capitol Hill. Mueller's halting presentation of his 400-plus-page report troubled both Republicans and Democrats. But of greater concern was this fact: After two years of investigating, with all the powers of law enforcement at his command, Mueller failed to establish that Russia and the Trump campaign conspired to fix the 2016 election. It was the central allegation the special counsel was hired to investigate, and he could not establish that it ever took place.

As I report in my new book, "Obsession: Inside the Washington Establishment's Never-Ending War on Trump," for a while after Mueller's testimony, some Hill Democrats struggled to keep alive the idea of impeaching President Trump over the Russia affair. The number of House Democrats who supported impeachment actually increased after Mueller's testimony. But their plans changed as others in their party whipped up excitement about a new line of attack against the president – the Ukraine matter, which became the basis of the partisan impeachment of the president in December 2019.

But now, believe it or not, Russia is back. Two new books – "Donald Trump v. the United States: Inside the Struggle to Stop a President" by New York Times reporter Michael Schmidt, and "True Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Investigation of Donald Trump" by CNN analyst Jeffrey Toobin – revive the Russia allegations against Trump. Both begin with the assumption that Trump was guilty in the Russia matter – a highly questionable way to start – and then ask why Mueller, with all his resources, was unable to bring the president down.

The Schmidt book made news by claiming that the Justice Department forbade Mueller and the FBI from probing "Trump's decades-long personal and business ties to Russia." The result, Schmidt said, was that Mueller "never fully investigated Mr. Trump's own relationship with Russia, even though some career FBI counterintelligence investigators thought his ties posed ... a national security threat." Thus, investigators never found the fabled evidence that might have proved Trump's guilt.

That's the ticket! Even though the FBI and special counsel investigated Trump for three years, he was never really investigated! No less than Andrew Weissmann, the top Mueller deputy known as the special counsel's "pit bull," shot down Schmidt's claim.

For his part, Toobin argues that Mueller was simply too principled and upstanding to go after Trump. To Toobin, Mueller's big failures were 1) not demanding to examine Trump's tax returns and 2) not issuing a grand jury subpoena to force Trump to testify. "These two decisions are the most revealing, and defining, failures of Mueller's tenure as special counsel," Toobin wrote. Mueller was too "reticent" and "rule-following," Toobin concluded, and his report was a "surrender."

A third book, by fired FBI official Peter Strzok, the man made famous by his anti-Trump texts with girlfriend and fellow FBI official Lisa Page, says that no matter what Mueller found, Trump was a national security threat. Even if the president did nothing illegal, Strzok claims, he was "unpatriotic." Strzok and the FBI, the book suggests, were forbidden from getting the facts about Trump. Indeed, in best conspiratorial fashion, the Atlantic magazine speculated that Strzok was fired because he was "getting too close to the truth."

The bottom line: Schmidt, Toobin and Strzok are all trying to convince Americans that Trump was really guilty, that collusion was really a thing, and that law enforcement and journalists were right to obsess about Russiagate for three straight years.

But to repeat, here's the problem: The Trump-Russia affair was about one big allegation – that the Trump campaign and Russia conspired to fix the 2016 election. There was a huge investigation. It could never establish that the crime even took place, much less who might have committed it. Every other problem Mueller and Democrats faced stemmed from that one failure. Trump's defense team knew that from Day One. Read "Obsession" and you'll learn some of the extraordinary things that went on behind the scenes. But as you hear some voices now trying to revive collusion, remember: We've been there and done that.

Byron York is a columnist for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS

Words of gratitude for Donald Trump

Editor,

During the 1990s, I figured Republicans, conservatives and Religious Right types were blowing smoke when they waxed outrage over Democratic President Bill Clinton's character.

I remember the "character counts" mantra. Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas suffered chronic conniptions on The HP's editorial pages over the evils of "moral relativism." National scold Bill Bennett cranked out the book "The End of Outrage."

But the same crowd talked about Republican President Ronald Reagan as if he were destined to sit at God's left hand.

They overlooked that "Sleaze Factor" Reagan was a serial fabulist running a scandal-laden administration. They claimed Reagan "pro-life" despite the corpse tally from U.S.-backed terrorists and death squads in Central America.

It was clear to anyone who remembered the 1980s that for the right's virtue pimps character only counts for Democrats.

But it seemed a lot of people had forgotten the 1980s. I found it an uphill climb in the 1990s to explain why I laughed at conservatives chirping "character counts."

Now it's easy thanks to Republican President Donald Trump.

He makes Reagan look decent and Clinton look like a choirboy.

And the only chirping I hear from "character counts" corridors comes from crickets.

Jim Dalgleish
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Both sides must learn to tolerate dissent

John Crisp

My nominee for Patriot of the Week is Lauren Victor, in acknowledgement of her public demonstration of that most American of characteristics, the perverse determination to do what she wants to do, even in the face of intimidation, threats, peer pressure and political correctness.

Victor is an urban planner and photographer in Washington, D.C., who has marched a number of times in support of Black Lives Matter. She wasn't marching on the day after Jacob Blake was shot in the back seven times by a Kenosha, Wis., police officer. Instead she went with a friend to dinner at a D.C. restaurant.

You've probably seen the video of the incident; it quickly went viral and has been viewed at least 12 million times.

As they dine at a sidewalk table, Victor and her friend are suddenly surrounded by a group – all white as far as I can see – that demands that she raise her fist in support of their cause, which appears to be BLM. Victor declines and is hectored and harangued by the increasingly animated mob; still she declines and eventually the crowd moves on.

Last week Victor wrote a thoughtful opinion piece for the Washington Post under the headline: "I was the woman surrounded by BLM protestors at a D.C. restaurant. Here's why I didn't raise my fist."

Victor explains that when the crowd approached her, their cause wasn't immediately apparent. When she asked them who they were and why they were marching, she got no answer. But, she admits, even if she had known who they were and their purpose, she would not have raised her fist.

She agrees with their goals but objects to their imperious demands, writing "...it is never okay to coerce people's participation; that is just bullying."

Victor ends on a hopeful and generous note. She confirms her support for BLM, as well as for an individual's right to decline to participate in a protest. And she gives her harassers credit for "working together to sustain a movement to uphold Black people's civil rights."

Several commentators – New York Times columnist Bret Stephens and comedian Bill Maher, for example – note that episodes like this are just the sort of thing that will ensure President Donald Trump's reelection.

Their point is well taken. Nobody wants to be scolded into conformity by a mob of overbearing, ultra-woke bullies. Still, we need to coin a word to describe the ironic double standard that we so often apply to the left and the right in such instances:

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pilloried for failing to wear a mask on a trip to a beauty salon, while Trump rarely wears a mask and mocks those who do.

Trump can call our war dead "losers" and "suckers" and still get a pass from his supporters after taking a specious deferment to avoid military service during his own generation's war.

Trump is free to make snide innuendos about Joe Biden's problematic history of contact with females, as if the "Access Hollywood" tapes didn't exist.

And most germane to the Lauren Victor episode is the self-righteous indignation directed by the political right at the misguided mob that descended on her while she was trying to eat. The right, quite correctly, finds that sort of coercive intimidation offensive. But, at the same time, they accept Trump's heavy-handed efforts to suppress peaceful protests, as well as dignified and perfectly lawful displays of objections to the injustices of the status quo, such as kneeling during the national anthem.

Lauren Victor took the trouble to explain why she refused to be intimidated by a bullying crowd. But Americanism embodies the right to act as we choose, including resistance against coercive "patriotism," without having to explain, at all. Trump's blunt sense of patriotism lacks the subtlety to appreciate this; just ask Colin Kaepernick.

No imperious mob of woke liberals can compete with Trump's capacity to intimidate and coerce. I said we need to coin a word to express this double standard. Come to think of it, we probably already have one: Hypocrisy.

John M. Crisp is a columnist for Tribune News Service.

OBITUARIES

Rosemary Ann Van Arkel

Sept. 5, 1928 – Sept. 5, 2020

Rosemary Ann Van Arkel, 92, formerly of St. Joseph passed away Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 at White Oak Nursing Home, in Lawton, Mich.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church St., St. Joseph, with Fr. Arul officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Friday, with the Rosary recited at 6:30 p.m. at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph. Social distancing and masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Rosemary's name may be made to Birthright, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. Those wishing to sign Rosemary's memory book online and view a video of the Mass of Christian Burial may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Rosemary was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Roseland, Ill., to Paul and Helen (Lipnicen) Valacak. The family moved to Southwest Michigan and she graduated from St. John's Catholic High School in Benton Harbor, class of 1947, where she was a cheerleader, voted homecoming queen, and played on the girl's softball team.

After high school, Rosemary worked at Voice of Music Corporation in Benton Harbor and on July 1, 1950, married Robert W. Van Arkel at St. John's Catholic Church in Benton Harbor. Rosemary devoted her life to caring for her home and family and was active in the PTA when her children were in school. After the children were grown, she worked the holidays at Crystal Springs Florist for many years, later as a cashier at Derby Store, and ended her career as a banquet waitress at Benton Harbor Holiday Inn Banquet Center for 20-plus years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph and Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Dowagiac. She led the Saturday morning Rosary group for many years. In her free time, Rosemary enjoyed tending to her flower gardens, arranging the flowers into beautiful bouquets, sewing, making all kinds of crafts, and cherished the time spent with her family and many friends.

Rosemary is survived by her children: Karen (William) Barnes of Portage, Mich., Roseann (Jerry) Lowry of Kalamazoo, Robert G. Van Arkel of Grand Ledge, Mich., Kevin Van Arkel of Benton Harbor, Michael (Delinda) Van Arkel of Berrien Center; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Thomas (Irene) Valacak of Midlothian, Ill.; her sister, Joann Shane of Benton Harbor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, on Sept. 9, 2015; her daughter-in-law, Sarah Van Arkel in 2018; her brother-in-law, Phillip Shane; and siblings: Paul, Cyril, Vince and Frank Valacak, Mary Johnson, Helen Valacak, Margaret Murach and Agatha Filush.

Rosalie nee Potts, (Cook) Malott

June 15, 1936 – Sept. 7, 2020

Rosalie nee Potts, (Cook) Malott, of LaGrange, Ind., and St. Joseph passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at her home.

She was born on June 15, 1936, in South Zanesville, Ohio, to Clifford and Leone Potts.

Rosalie married David A. Cook on October 23, 1954, who preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2002. On Sept. 4, 2004, she married Herbert F. Malott.

Rosalie was employed over 30 years at St. Joseph Savings & Loan where she retired as vice president of the Mortgage and Loan Department. Her greatest joys were time spent with family and friends as well as cooking the most fantastic Sunday dinners.

She will be deeply missed by all who have known her. Rosalie was a stranger to no one. Once you met her, you were friends. When Rosalie asked, "how are you?", she truly wanted to know. Being a woman of strong faith provided her the strength and guidance to face challenges and offer wonderful words of wisdom and council throughout her life.

Proceeded in death were her parents; one sister; two brothers; and son, Robert A. Cook.

Rosalie is survived by her husband, Herbert; son, Steven (Denise) Cook; daughter, Julie (John) Roose; daughter, Susan (Brian) Patzer; grandchildren: Brandon (Kara) Dipert, Katie (David) Moran, Kim (Jordan) O'Hearn, Tyler Cook, Ellen Steinbrook; great-grandchildren: Madison, Norah, Porter and Lucy; step-children: Diana Malott, Mike (Reese) Malott; step-grandchildren: Shon and Sarah; step-great-grandchildren: Kirie and Charlotte.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Joan Oleson officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until time of service on Friday at the funeral home. Following state guidelines, masks will be required while present at the funeral home and graveside.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St. #6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Patricia Aldrich, 83, died Aug. 30, 2020, in San Diego. American Cremation Services, San Diego.

Donald George Ball, 83, died Sept, 7, 2020. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Mary Cobb, 88, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 7, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Diane Cornelius, 69, of St Joseph died Sept. 7, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Melody P. Eddie, 57, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 4, 2020, in Kentwood Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Sarah Hureskin 82, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Lois E. Huff, 93, of St. Joseph died Sept. 9, 2020, at Stately Living, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Brenda Elaine Keller, 56, of Sodus died Sept. 5, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Funeral Home, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Robert A. Peirce, 80, of St. Joseph died Sept. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Herman Roy Pollard Jr., 79, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 25, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Gregory Reese, 52, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 4, 2020, in Benton Township. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Lou Della Thomas, 77, formerly of Benton Harbor, died Aug. 24, 2020, in Bossier City, La. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Rosemary Ann Van Arkel, 92, formerly of St. Joseph, died Sept. 5, 2020, at White Oak Nursing Home, Lawton, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Deacon William Wilkins, 76, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 3, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Gerald Charles Zoller, 77, of Stevensville died Sept. 7, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Herman Roy Pollard Jr.

June 5, 1941 – Aug. 25, 2020

Herman Roy Pollard Jr., 79, of Benton Harbor departed this life Aug. 25, 2020, at home. A service celebrating his life will be held Sept. 11, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Herman was born June 5, 1941, in Benton Harbor to Herman Roy Pollard Sr., and Nannie LaVerne Love Pollard. He graduated from Benton Harbor High, attended Lake Michigan College, and served on the Benton Harbor city police force. Herman married his high school sweetheart, Judith Wysinger Pollard.

He enjoyed playing baseball and was a member of Union Memorial AME church, where he later confessed his faith in Christ. Herman enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, doing what he could to help them. His hobbies included: fishing, CB Radio, going to garage sales, collecting odds and ends, solving crossword puzzles and playing chess. He liked to be addressed as "Mr. Pollard."

He was preceded in death by both parents: Herman Roy and Nannie LaVerne Pollard Sr., and brother, Wayne E. Pollard Sr.

He leaves to cherish and rejoice in his memory: partner, companion and friend for 32-plus years, Janet Tates; former wife, Judith E. (Wysinger) Pollard, and their children: Penny Killebrew-Pollard, Rhonda (Lawrence) Jackson and Herman Roy (Shana) Pollard III; daughter, Eunice Bryant; son, Rodney Polk; and a daughter who requested not to be named; 27 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Michael (Diane) Pollard and a host of aunts uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gerald Charles Zoller

March 27, 1943 – Sept. 7, 2020

Gerald Charles Zoller, 77, of Stevensville passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph.

The family will receive guests from 9:30 a.m. until time of celebration of life service at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial to follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Memorial contributions may be given to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, www.humanesocietyswm.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gerald "Gerry" was born March 27, 1943, in Cincinnati, to Charles and June (Fisher) Zoller. He was a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati before going on to obtain his master's degree in mechanical engineering. Gerry worked at Chemineer in Dayton, until his retirement in 1997. In 1995, he married the love of his life, Margie Herbstreit. Gerry was a genuine family man; but his grandchildren were the true highlight of his life.

Gerry is survived by his wife of 25 years, Margie Zoller; his loving family: Kimberly Christie, and Jeffrey Schroeder; his grandchildren: Andrew Schroeder, Abigail Schroeder, Ashley Christie, and Scott (Kelsey) Christie; his sister, Patricia (Ron) Keeling; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Caretel Inns for their loving care of Gerry in his final years.

Brenda Elaine Keller

Oct. 31, 1963 – Sept. 5, 2020

Brenda Elaine Keller, 56, of Sodus died peacefully Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020.

She was born Oct. 31, 1963, in South Bend, the fourth of five children born to Alan and Carole Bragg.

Brenda loved all animals but was passionate about dogs and cats. She was crafty and enjoyed painting and decorating. She spent time with her sons and grandsons any chance she got.

Brenda will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her three sons: Justin Bragg of New Buffalo, Casey Keller and Cody Keller, both of Three Oaks; two grandsons: Colin and Lincoln; mother, Carole Bragg of Tennessee; boyfriend, Reeves Street of Sodus; one sister, Julie (Greg) Callahan of Three Oaks; one brother, Dave (Connie) Bragg of Tennessee; one niece and six nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; and two sisters: Nancy Pallas and Toni Schroeder.

Family and friends will observe a private remembrance.

The family prefers contributions in Brenda's memory may be made to Michiana Humane Society and SPCA, 722 IN 212, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Patricia M. Aldrich

Jan. 3, 1937 – Aug. 30, 2020

Patricia M. Aldrich, 83, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, in San Diego after a brief but devastating illness.

Patricia was born Jan. 3, 1937, in San Enrique, Negros Occidental, Philippines, to Jose Mendoza and Asuncion "Gayatin" Managuit.

She was a homemaker to her children and a home healthcare provider for many years.

Patricia had a passion for traveling, to the Philippines and visiting her many children across the USA. She loved to sing and enjoyed karaoke with family and friends. She was very passionate about her career in home healthcare. She was a devout Catholic who was known for her quick wit, infectious smile, and her kind and compassionate spirit.

She is survived by her children: Lauro (Medina) Caja, Richard (Keith), Donald Jr. (Barbara), Anna, Johnny (Laura), Peggy (Mark) Wakefield, Robert, Patty (Kevin) Luke, Billy, Sammy and daughter-in-law, Debbie; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Flor Managuit, and several nieces and nephews from the Philippines and USA.

Patricia was preceded in death by her father; mother; brothers; a sister; ex-husband, Donald Sr.; son, Perry Aldrich; and granddaughter, Ashley Watkins.

A memorial service celebrating Patricia's life will be set at a later date.

Sharon J. Tescallo

Feb. 20, 1941 – Sept. 4, 2020

Sharon J. Tescallo, 79, of Stevensville passed away Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Court and Market streets, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Michael Roth officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial donations in Sharon's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Those wishing to sign Sharon's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sharon was born Feb. 20, 1941, in St. Joseph to Harvey and Elsie (Bandurski) Stroshein. She grew up as a "Sand Rabbit" on Silver Beach along the shores of Lake Michigan and graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1959. On Nov. 21, 1959, she married John Tescallo at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

Sharon had a career of 50 years at Fifth-Third Bank in St. Joseph/Stevensville, retiring in 2008. Along with her banking career, she and John owned and operated the Jungle Inn in St. Joseph, the Clark Gas Station on Napier in Benton Harbor, along with numerous rental properties. Sharon was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. Sharon loved watching "Dancing with the Stars," clipping coupons for shopping, and doing jig-saw puzzles. She loved animals and always surrounded herself with rescue dogs and cats. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Tescallo of St. Joseph.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on Sept. 25, 1985, and by two sisters: infant Sandra Stroshein in 1939 and Barbara Stroshein in 2010.

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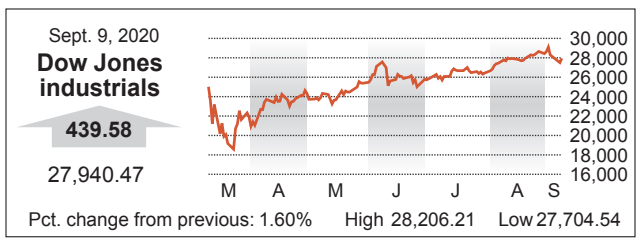

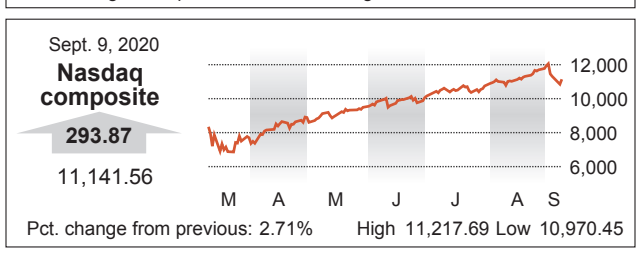

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▼ **4-wk.** -3.8% ▲ **YTD** +16.5%

LocalStocks

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Apple Inc s	AAPL	52.77	137.98	117.32	+4.50	+4.0	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1233.00	+21.51	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
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Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	44.60	+.79	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	219.71	215.52	+5.28	+2.5	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	133.36	-.84	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	91.81	+1.98	+2.2	▲	▼	▼
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IDEX	IEX	104.56	185.18	179.69	+3.68	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	122.26	+1.05	+0.9	▬	▼	▲
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JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	149.70	+2.44	+1.7	▲	▬	▲
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Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	48.77	+.52	+1.1	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	36.18	+.25	+0.7	▼	▼	▲
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TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	155.56	141.58	+4.82	+3.5	▼	▼	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	166.20	159.80	+3.35	+2.1	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	60.04	+.08	+0.1	▼	▲	▲
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WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	139.89	+1.44	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.03	64.50	35.35	-.75	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.50	+.65	+3.0	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	185.96	171.82	+3.50	+2.1	▲	▼	▲
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

At least one classroom at the Galien Grade School could be going to the dogs. The school board Monday night received a request from fifth grade teacher Kieran McHugh to bring her dog, Loyal, to class once or twice a week as therapy for the children. McHugh said she has been bringing the dog to class now and then for the past two years and has had no problems. When she brings the dog, she said the children behave and pay attention better. The board agreed to contact the health department before making a decision. Starting her fourth year as a teacher in the district, McHugh described the dog as a 4-year-old white-and-brown mixed breed. She said the dog is vaccinated, house-broken and is shampooed and groomed every week. She said the dog has been trained to be around people.

1985 – 35 years ago

Three Oaks youngsters may be able to go trick-or-treating on Halloween after all. Village President Bryan Volstorf told the Village Council on Wednesday night that plans for a haunted house program to replace the traditional trick-or-treating may have to wait until next year because of a lack of time and people to set up the new program. A final decision on whether trick-or-treating will be allowed on Halloween is to be made at the council's Oct. 9 meeting.

1970 – 50 years ago

Nearly all major area wineries and grape processors will be accepting Concords next week, one of the earliest starts in recent years. In the meantime, no definite announcement concerning a price offer for Niagaras has been made public as of late Thursday. Wineries are expected to take a major portion of the Niagaras. National Grape's Welch plant in Lawton is in the process of testing for sugar solids in Concords now, and will start processing on Thursday or Monday depending on the results.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Sept. 10, the 254th day of 2020. There are 112 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 10, 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a Black student.

On this date:

In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. (Afterward, Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours.")

In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot in the Louisiana state Capitol, allegedly by Dr. Carl Weiss.

In 1960, Hurricane Donna, a dangerous Category 4 storm eventually blamed for 364 deaths, struck the Florida Keys.

In 1963, 20 Black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Sunny
69°	51°	71° / 55°	77° / 62°	74° / 53°	72° / 52°

Local Outlook

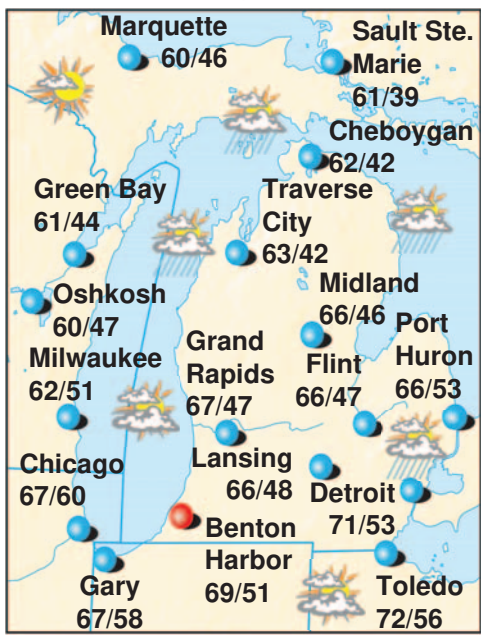
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 69°, humidity of 67%. North northeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 51°. Northeast wind 6 to 10 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 71°, humidity of 51%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:21 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:03 p.m.
Moonrise ..... Yesterday
Moonset ..... 3:25 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
9/10	9/17	9/23	10/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	73°
Low	59°
Normal High	77°
Normal Low	55°
Record High	94° in 2013
Record Low	44° in 2010

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.87"
Normal for month	1.15"
Year to date	27.69"
Normal Year to date	26.69"

Air Quality

Yesterday 21
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

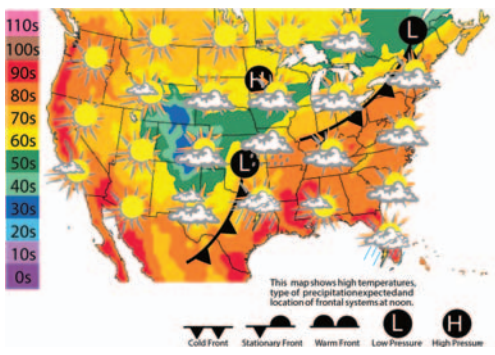
Weather Trivia

How high do thunderstorms grow?

Answer: The majority of thunderstorm clouds grow to heights of more than 20,000 feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 10, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind 10 to 14 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, ENE wind 9 to 12 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s. West wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with highs in the 60s and 70s. South southeast wind 2 to 5 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. North northeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 60s and 70s. East northeast wind 6 to 9 mph.

BLM MURAL

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being proposed for.

"You can't have murals painted over crosswalks or center lanes," Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter told the council in August, referring to a 2012 U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration opinion regarding the use of colored paint or other materials on public streets.

The opinion stated in part, "All elements of pattern and color for these treatments are to be uniform, consistent, repetitive and expected so as not to be a source of distraction. No element of the aesthetic interior treatment can implement pictographs, symbols, multiple color arrangements, etc., or can otherwise attempt to communicate with any roadway user."

Council members in August also questioned who would be responsible for maintaining a mural on a public street or park, and who would be responsible for fixing it if vandalism were to occur.

As a result of their questions in August, council members instructed Interim City Manager Kate Hosier and staff to put together a proposed policy for mural placement on public property.

"This (proposed policy) is just for public property," Hosier said. "Murals on private property are subject to the zoning ordinance. This policy does not necessarily say you can't paint sidewalks and streets."

If public comment during Tuesday's meeting is any indication, people favor the downtown mural idea.

"A prominent mural is important to acknowledge that in 2020 humans are still judged by the color of their skin," said South Haven resident Joe Meyer. "Symbolism makes us search for answers. I advocate for a Black Lives mural downtown. It's not time for South Haven to stifle."

"To make a difference the mural should be in an area seen by more people," said Erica Driver. "Elkenburg (Park) is good, but most of the people on Elkenburg are black and know their lives matter. To have it on a predominantly black street would defeat the purpose."

Several other local residents wanted a mural downtown, but not necessarily on the street.

"I believe the mural is a good idea to represent who we are," said David Taylor. "However, I do believe the mural shouldn't be placed on the ground but hung up somewhere so people won't destroy it."

Lisa Krupiarz also thinks it should be painted on a surface other than the street.

"We think it should be on a prominent wall in the downtown," she said. "This is our opportunity to initiate change and let our black community know we appreciate and value them. ... The BLM-themed mural is something ready to go, with artists available to complete it, initiated by a local South Haven resident. It's as South Haven-inspired as we could want."

Crowley said at the August city council meeting that she is open to other downtown locations, and reiterated that on Monday, but she also said she thinks a street mural in front of city hall is the preferred location.

"I would like to see something on a wall. However, I also think we should stay in unison with the rest of the country," she said. "This is the largest civil rights movement in history. That's why I think a street mural is important. It doesn't have the same value in a different location. It just doesn't."

But not everyone favors the mural idea. Some believe the BLM movement is backed by an organization that is politically motivated.

"When we get into things divisive or of a political nature we're going down the wrong path," said local resident Jack Hannigan. "Those belong in a private setting."

Another resident, who sent an email to the city with the name, "K. Brinks" stated: "Why does South Haven want to paint a mural that highlights a Marxist movement that culminates the killing of whites in the destruction of our country?"

Brinks' email was referring to Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors describing herself as a "trained Marxist" in a 2015 video, according to New York Post article published in June.

Several people at Monday's meeting disagreed that Black Lives Matter is only political.

"Blacks can demand change but blacks aren't in a position to make change," said the Rev. Joe Wilkins. "The BLM movement is not a political movement but a social movement. It is not an anti-white movement. ... I respect everyone's concerns. But it troubles me that the comments come from a place they don't understand."

Wilkins' wife, Letitia Wilkins, who is a member of city council, said the city should allow a mural downtown on Phoenix Street. "My hope and prayer is that the city will stand up and show the community and visitors that black lives matter."

Other council members, though favorable to a mural downtown or elsewhere in town, don't favor the use of a public street.

"I'm not in favor of murals on roadways," said council member George Sleeper. Council member Steve Schlack echoed similar comments, as did Mayor Scott Smith.

Council member Joe Reeser favors a different type of symbol to show the black community in South Haven that it is valued.

"I'm not for painting our streets," he said, "but I am 101 percent for a mural or a statue."

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